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SOONG REPORTED TO HAVE COME TO AGREEMENT WITH CHANG



Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labour, is here shown addressing the Federation's convention at Tampa, Florida, last month, in which he attacked Mr. John L. Lewis and the unions which took his side in the Committee for Industrial Organisation battle.

FLEET AIR ARM INSPECTED

Commander-In-Chief
At Kai Tak

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles J. Little, K.C.B., carried out an inspection of the Fleet Air Arm, (H.M.S. Hermes) this morning on the Kai Tak Aerodrome.

He was accompanied by Squadron-Leader W. A. Dairrell, Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, Wing Commander A. G. Bishop, O.C.E.A.F.C. R.A.F., Group Captain L. C. Keeble, R.A.F. (Hermes) and Flt. Lt. M. C. Dick, R.A.F.

The two squadrons which were inspected and which make up the complement of the Fleet Air Arm were Fighter Squadron 303, under the command of Lieut. Comdr. C. W. Byas, and Spotter Reconnaissance Squadron 824, under the Command of Squadron Leader F. L. Pearce, R.A.F.

CALEDONIA'S FLIGHT

Alexandria-Marseilles
In 11½ Hours

London, To-day.

One of the arrivals expected at Southampton to-day is the Imperial Airways new air liner, the Caledonia. She is the latest type of long distance machine and is constructed specially for the proposed Atlantic route.

The liner flew yesterday from Alexandria to Marseilles, non-stop, taking 11½ hours for the flight. She is also flying direct from Marseilles to Southampton.—Reuter.

LATE VEHICLE FERRIES

Season Tickets
Reduced

On the 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December, 1936 and on the 1st and 2nd January, 1937 the Vehicle Ferry Service will be extended till 2 a.m. the next morning.

The private vehicle season tickets will be reduced to \$20.00 and \$30.00 per car of under 1 ton and over 1 ton respectively as from the beginning of 1937.

THRILLING AIR BATTLE TWO INSURGENT PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

BELGIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL
REPORTED MISSING

Madrid, To-day.

In the course of a bombardment of the city yesterday, three shells hit the tall telegraph building, tearing a hole in the walls. Other shells fell in the streets in the vicinity and a thrilling air battle was fought out over the River Manzanares, in full view of the crowds in the streets below. Two insurgent planes were brought down and one Government plane, which was damaged, made a forced landing on the Barajas aerodrome.—Reuter.

London: The First Secretary of the Belgian Embassy at Madrid, Baron de Boregreve, has disappeared in mysterious circumstances according to reports which have been received here.

On Sunday he left the Embassy in order to inspect the district of Tetuan, which had been badly damaged by bombs, and has not been heard of since.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MEXICAN MINE TRAGEDY

Eagle Pass, Texas, To-day.—At least 75 miners are reported to have been killed in an explosion in a coal mine 90 miles to the south-west of Piedrasne Gras, Mexico.—Reuter.

Later: According to a later report 41 miners were killed and 23 injured.—Reuter.

FIVE CRUISERS TO BE RETAINED

For Anti-Aircraft
Purposes

London, To-day.

In accordance with the announcement made in the House of Commons last Thursday by Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, formal notification has now been conveyed to the United States and Japanese Embassies in London of the intention of the United Kingdom Government, in view of the existing international situation and of the requirements of national security, to have recourse to Article 21 of the London Naval Treaty in order to retain five cruisers of sub-category "B." The cruisers to be retained are the Cardiff, Ceres, Caledon, Calypso and Caradoc, and the total of excess tonnage is 20,270.

MAXIMUM SERVICE

It is understood that His Majesty's Government have undertaken that the vessels will be retained for the maximum period of five years' peace service, and will be used not as cruisers but as anti-aircraft ships which will involve the substitution of lighter than the existing armament of six-inch guns.

When Sir Samuel Hoare made the announcement last week, he informed the House that the United States Government had already intimated that they would raise no objection to the course proposed. He added that although no final answer had yet been received from Tokyo, there was reason to believe that the Japanese Government also would not object. The Japanese reply, which has since been received, was in favourable terms, as anticipated.—British Wireless Service.

TROTSKY BOUND FOR MEXICO

Oslo, To-day.—Leon Trotsky is already en route to Mexico. He boarded an undisclosed steamer which sailed on Saturday.—Reuter.

Madrid: The Government troops claim to have repelled the repeated insurgent attacks during the past week and to have gained successes in their counter-attacks, re-taking the village Boadilla del Monte and capturing six tanks in addition to many prisoners. Insurgent air raids on the capital, however, continue.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

INTER-COMMITTEE MEET

London: The Non-Intervention sub-committee yesterday drafted recommendations for consideration by the full committee which is convening to-day. It has been decided to appoint technical sub-committees to examine the various aspects of indirect intervention, including recruits and to consider the establishment of a system of supervision in Spain.—Reuter.

ROYALTY CHEERED AT KING'S CROSS

Queen Pays Visit To
Buckingham Palace

London, To-day.

Large crowds gathered at King's Cross yesterday and cheered Their Majesties the King and Queen, who accompanied by their daughters, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose, and by the Queen Mother, left in the Royal train en route for Sandringham, where they are spending Christmas.

Earlier yesterday the Queen visited Buckingham Palace for the first time since King George's accession. She drove to the Palace with the King and remained there for about an hour before returning to 145 Piccadilly.—British Wireless Service.

The French Despatch vessel Pature is expected to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow from Saigon and will remain here until next Sunday, when she will leave for Shanghai.

SOVIET INDIGNATION INCREASES NAVAL PROTECTION DEMANDED

Moscow, To-day.—While authoritative sources remain silent concerning the action contemplated over the alleged sinking of the Soviet steamer Komsomol by the Spanish insurgents, the storm of protest from the public is growing.

In Moscow the workers have passed a resolution demanding that the Government should dispatch "warships to protect trade ships."

The Baltic and Black Sea sailors' organisations have appealed to world seamen to "raise a mighty wave of protest against the hostilities of these Fascist bandits."

Workers in Kharkov have started a public fund for the building of five cruisers and ten merchant ships.—Reuter.



Reichsleiter Adolf Hitler is here shown in conversation with Christian Weber, one of his original supporters in the famous Munich beer putch of 1923. Others in the foreground are his old supporters and his present staff. The picture was taken on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the putch which started the Nazis to eventual power.

ITALIAN ANNEXATION OF ABYSSINIA

CHANGE IN FRENCH POLICY
CAUSES BIG STR

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.—Now that the Italian annexation of Abyssinia has been recognised *de facto* by the French Government through the decision to convert the Legation in Addis Ababa into a Consulate-General, there is a strong movement in political circles for the formal *de jure* recognition of Italy's jurisdiction in Addis Ababa, and the reception of Italy into the circle of active League of Nations Powers.

ANGLO-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS

PREMATURE NOT
OPTIMISTIC

THE MEDITERRANEAN
PROBLEM

London, To-day.

Enquiries in well-informed quarters in London indicate that the forecasts in circulation of the early conclusion to the discussions proceeding in Rome, on British and Italian interests in the Mediterranean, are premature rather than unduly optimistic.

It is believed that the progress is regarded on both sides as satisfactory but there is no intuition of importing hurry into the negotiation which, by its very nature, demands a careful and comprehensive review of the great variety of factors. The basis of the conversations is the mutual assumption that the interests of two Governments in the Mediterranean are complementary, and if the formal reaffirmation of that thesis is to be made.—(Continued on Page 10)

ALL SAFE WITH THE FRANCESCA

Yacht Arrives At
Manila

Manila, To-day.

The yacht Francesca arrived here at 4.50 p.m. to-day.—Reuter. A message from Manila received yesterday stated that "Buster" Brown, the Shanghai branch of the Sun Life Assurance Co., was expected to arrive in his own self-built yacht the Francesca, in which he sailed from Shanghai via Hong Kong.

A later message said Mr. Brown was expected at 2 p.m. yesterday but was delayed.

Mr. A. F. Peters, Manager of the Sun Life Company in Manila, went out to meet the intrepid yachtsman, but turned back.

WELSH SOCCER TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following have been chosen to represent Wales in the First Round of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition against Portugal on the Kowloon ground next Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

Bowlands; Davis and McHugh; Tucker, Keneghan and North; Roberts, Tient, Riley, Tatler, Lenton and Ashton.

LARGE SUM SAID TO BE INVOLVED

WANG CHING WEI PLEADS
FOR UNITY

PROMISES FULL CO-OPERATION

Geneva, To-day.

Responding to an appeal from the Chinese Government, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former Foreign Minister, sailed for Shanghai yesterday.

Before leaving he stated that China's struggle against internal trouble and external menace depended on the success of the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. They should, therefore, do their utmost to secure the early restoration of his freedom.

Mr. Wang added that on his return to China he would concentrate his efforts to steer China through the present crisis.—Reuter.

Canton: It is officially confirmed that Madame Chiang Kai-shek safely arrived at Sian at 5.30 p.m. yesterday with Mr. T. V. Soong, her brother, Mr. W. H. Donald, the British adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, a private cook and members of the staff of the Generalissimo. It is definitely learned that out of the 52 aides-de-camps who were with the Generalissimo before the Shensi revolt, only six of them are now alive, following the fierce fight with the rebels that led to the Generalissimo's capture.

Rumours are current in Shanghai that Mr. T. V. Soong is going to sign an agreement with the Young Marshal for the release of the Generalissimo, and that a large amount of money will be remitted to the rebels for this purpose.

While the private attempts of Mr. Soong and Marshal Yen Shik-sen, Pacification Commissioner for Shansi and Suiyuan, to release the Generalissimo are proceeding the Government forces are advancing westward to Sian to crush the rebels. It is stated that the Air Corps under General Mu Pan-chai, with his 100 machines at Loyang, are awaiting orders to reinforce those now bombing the rebel forces in the Hwahsien and Chihsiu districts.—Our Own Correspondent.

No New Year Celebrations

Canton: Owing to the capture of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan, and concurrently Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, the Nationalist Government of China has officially announced that no celebrations will be held on New Year's Day by Government offices throughout the country.—Our Own Correspondent.

Foreign "Scouting" Planes

Canton: News has been received here that there have been some foreign planes "scouting" above Hainan Island district during the last few days. General Yu Hon-mow, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, has cabled to Mr. Huang Kiang, Major Magistrate of the Island, to make a full report to the Kwangtung Government, regarding the matter.—Our Own Correspondent.

WANG LEAVES GENEVA

Geneva: In response to an appeal addressed to him by the Chinese Government, Mr. Wang Ching-wei sailed from Geneva for China yesterday. Before leaving Geneva, Mr. Wang Ching-wei published a statement through the Chinese Delegation in Geneva in which he said that events in Sianfu compelled his immediate return to China.—Trans-Ocean Service.

TYPHOON WARNING

A message received by the American Consulate General at 10.30 a.m. from the Manila Observatory states that a typhoon is situated in about 115 deg. Longitude East and 8 deg. Latitude North, moving west-north-west. The typhoon is about 300 miles south of the Macleod Bank.

SIR MILES LAMPSON'S APPOINTMENT

Ambassador To Cairo

London, To-day.

Sir Miles Lampson has been appointed Ambassador to Cairo, following the exchange of ratifications of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.—Reuter.

Sir Miles was High Commissioner to Egypt, and previously British Minister to China.

ALL QUIET AT SIANFU

No Direct News For
24 Hours

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION
PUSHES ON

Shanghai, To-day.

Silence reigns over Sianfu, from which place no direct news has been received during the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, with Madame Chiang Kai-shek and party remaining in Sianfu, the encirclement of the city proceeds apace.

The vanguard of the punitive expedition is rapidly advancing on Weinan, where the rebels are being heavily reinforced in an attempt to shake the progress of the Government forces.

Peiping: General Fu Tsoi-yi has sent a telegram to Nan-king to the effect that he will proceed to Suiyuan to try and effect the release of the Generalissimo. He is proceeding first to Taiyuanfu to confer with General Yen Hsi-shan on the subject.—Reuter.

No Change In Foreign Policy

Canton: Mr. Ting Shao-kap, adviser to Mr. Chang Chun, Chinese Foreign Minister, is on his way to Japan as a special delegate from the Chinese Foreign Office, to inform the Japanese Government, in co-operation with Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, the Chinese Ambassador to Japan, that the attitude of the Chinese Government concerning the Shensi revolt, is that it will not change its determined foreign policy.—Our Own Correspondent.



Sporting Page



BRADMAN AND HAMMOND TWO GREATEST BATSMEN OF TO-DAY

DOUR CRICKETER BUT MEAD AMASSED HUGE TOTAL IN 30 YEARS UNPOPULAR WITH CROWD

(By "Adrem")

PHILLIP MEAD, one of the few remaining cricketers of the old school, which includes such names as Hobbs, Hearne, Hendren, Woolley and Freeman, will take no further part in first-class cricket.

Mead, considering the number of years he has been playing, has met with comparatively little recognition from the cricket authorities, and it is not until one studies statistics that one realises what achievements do lie to the credit of this most unassuming personality.

A short while ago, we received news in Hong Kong that the Kent authorities had decided to dispense with the services of A. P. ("Tich") Freeman, but later reports revealed that he had been re-instated for at least another season. Freeman, of course, is an idol of the crowd. His many mannerisms and gestures were their delight. It is likely that this crowd saved Freeman. Public outcry probably influenced the Kent authorities to revise their ideas and so the diminutive bowler will have a slight respite.

ENGLAND WIN BY INNINGS

Hammond's Big Part
In Triumph

FIVE WICKETS FALL FOR
SIX RUNS!

Sydney, To-day.

Winning the first Test at Brisbane by 322 runs, England beat Australia by an innings and 22 runs in the second Test, which concluded here yesterday.

Scores:—

ENGLAND—1st INNINGS				
Barnett, b Ward	57			
Fagg, c Siera, b McCormick	21			
Hammond, not out	231			
Leyland, lbw, b McCabe	42			
Ames, c Robinson, b Ward	29			
G. O. Allen, lbw, b O'Reilly	25			
Hardstaff, b McCormick	9			
Verity, not out	0			
Extras	21			

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 426
Fall of the wickets: 1 (Fagg) for 27; 2 (Barnett) for 118; 3 (Leyland) for 247; 4 (Ames) for 451; 5 (Allen) for 368; 6 (Hardstaff) for 424.
R. W. V. Robins, Sims and Voe did not bat.

Twelfth man—Fishlock				
Bowling Analysis				
O	M	R	W	
McCormick	20	1	79	2
Siera	16	2	4	20
Ward	42	8	122	2
O'Reilly	41	17	58	1
Chippierfield	13	2	47	0
McCabe	9	1	31	1

AUSTRALIA—1st INNINGS				
J. H. Fingleton, c Verity, b Voe	12			
W. J. O'Brien, c Sims, b Voe	0			
D. G. Bradman, c Allen, b Voe	0			
S. J. McCabe, c Sims, b Voe	0			
A. G. Chipperfield, c Sims, b Allen	13			
M. W. Siera, c Voe, b Verity	1			
W. A. Oldfield, b Verity	1			
W. J. O'Brien, not out	37			
E. L. McCormick, b Allen	10			
F. Ward, b Allen	0			
C. Badcock, absent ill	0			
Extras	3			

Total 80
Fall of the wickets: 1 (O'Brien) for 1; 2 (Bradman) for 1; 3 (McCabe) for 3; 4 (Chipperfield) for 16; 5 (Fingleton) for 28; 6 (Siera) for 30; 7 (Oldfield) for 31; 8 (McCormick) for 80; 9 (Ward) for 80.
Twelfth man—R. Robinson.

Bowling Analysis				
O	M	R	W	
Voe	8	1	10	4
Allen	5	1	19	3
Verity	3	6	17	2
Hammond	4	0	6	0
Sims	2	0	29	0
Robins	1	0	5	0

AUSTRALIA—2nd INNINGS				
J. H. Fingleton, b Sims	73			
W. J. O'Brien, c Allen, b Voe	17			
Hammond	17			
D. G. Bradman, b Verity	52			
S. J. McCabe, lbw, b Voe	21			
A. G. Chipperfield, b Voe	21			
C. Badcock, lbw, b Allen	27			
M. W. Siera, not out	27			
W. A. Oldfield, c Ames, b Voe	1			
W. J. O'Brien, b Hammond	3			
E. L. McCormick, lbw, b Hammond	3			
F. Ward, not out	7			
Extras	7			

Total 324
Fall of the wickets: 1 (O'Brien) for 33; 2 (Fingleton) for 152; 3 (Bradman) for 184; 4 (Chipperfield) for 228; 5 (Badcock) for 228; 6 (McCabe) for 315; 7 (Siera) for 315; 8 (Oldfield) for 315; 9 (Ward) for 315.



Pte. A. Taylor, left of the East Lancs, and one of the best Army aquatic all-rounders in the Colony will be leaving for India on January 8 with his regiment. Andy Wilson, the Club inside-left, right, is a certainty for the coming Interpart against Shanghai.

CHINA'S SOCCER ELEVEN

Many Stars Missing
From Big Game

The following will represent China against England in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition next Saturday afternoon on the Club ground commencing at 3.15 p.m.:

China—Chin Hang (Eastern) (Captain); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); and Mak (S. China "A"); Leung Wing-chin (S. China "A") (Vice-Captain); Lam Tak-po (S. China "B") and Lo Wai-keen (Athletic); Tang Kwong-sun (K. Chinese); Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A"); Fung King-cheong (S. China "A"); Chan Yue-tin (Eastern); and Cheong Moon-wing (Athletic).

Reserves—Wong Wah-gay (S. China "B"); Kwok Ping-chong (K. Chinese) and Wong Shek-ping (Athletic); Lai Kwok-chin (K. Chinese); Wong Mei-shun (S. China "A"); Cheong Kwok-choi (Eastern); Chan Ping-to (Eastern); Cheong Shui-hong (Eastern); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern); Chow Man-chi (K. Chinese) and Lee Shek-yun (S. China "B").

Notable absentees are Pau Kaping, Tam Kong-pak, Ip Pak-wai, Tay Quee-liang, Wong Mei-shun, Tso Kwai-shing and Ho Kar-lung.

LADIES' SECOND HOCKEY TRIAL

Teams For Next
Sunday

The following are the teams for the second Ladies' Interpart hockey trial, which will take place at 10.15 a.m. next Sunday morning on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park:

Colours: Miss S. Best (C.R.A.); Miss E. Gray (H.K.) and Miss A. Fowler ("Y"); Mrs. Silva (Recreio); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); and Miss K. Glover (H.K.). Miss O. Daisel ("Y"), Miss W. Marsh (H.K.), Mrs. Donald (H.K.), Miss M. Smith ("Y") and A. N. O'Brien (H.K.). Whites: Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's); Miss J. Walker (C.R.A.) and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's); Miss I. Woolley (C.R.A.); Miss M. McCaw (C.R.S. "A") and Mrs. Campbell (Biffes Ladies); Miss R. Blackmore (C.R.A.); Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's); Mrs. Burton (C.R.A.); Miss C. Silva (Recreio) and Miss E. Hamon (Biffes Ladies).

ARMY HOCKEY TEAM TO MEET NAVY

The following will represent the Army in their Triangular Tournament hockey match against the Navy at 4 p.m. to-day on the Marina ground:—

Spr. Howlett, Kishan Singh, Eden Cox, Spr. Brown, Capt. Stapleton, Tara Singh, L. Robinson, Kaddar Bux, Narain Singh, Patanb, Spr. Cornet.

Schmeling's Boxing Hopes

Bremenhaven, To-day.—On his arrival here from the United States, the German heavyweight boxing champion, Max Schmeling, spoke of his chances in his forthcoming fight with the present world champion, James J. Braddock.

Braddock, he said, has a very finished technique and boxes not only with his fists, but also with his head. Nevertheless, Schmeling is confident of his prospects of regaining the world title.



The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, above, was elected a life member of the R.H.K. Golf Club at the annual general meeting yesterday.



WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

"Sunday Herald"
Cup Games

The following are the Sunday Herald Cup and League Football fixtures for the coming week-end:

SATURDAY	
Sunday Herald Charity Cup	
China	First Round
Portugal	vs ENGLAND
	(Club, 3.30 p.m.)
	vs Wales
	(Kwloon, 3.30 p.m.)
SUNDAY	
Fusiliers	First Division
Navy	vs S. China "B"
	(Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.)
	vs Eastern
	(Caneway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Fusiliers	Second Division
Athletic	vs S. China
C. Police	(Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Lyemun	vs Engineers
	(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
	vs Rifles
	(Kwloon, 2.30 p.m.)
	vs Navy
	(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's	Third Division
	vs K. Rifles
	(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
E. Police	vs Liga
	(Kwloon, 4 p.m.)
	vs C. Police
	(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)

RACE FOR DOUBLE CENTURIES HAMMOND NOW HOLDING SLIGHT LEAD

FRANK WARD'S RISE TO FAME.

THERE is interest in Bradman's double century in the Testimonial match for two reasons. At the end of the last Australian season he and W. R. Hammond had each made 24 scores of 200 and more. In the English season just closed Hammond made two more giving him a total of 26. Now Bradman has 25 to his credit and this season may see a duel between them for the leadership. No other player in the history of the game has made so many scores of this size.

The remarkable thing about Bradman's total is that these big scores are included in his total of 56 centuries. Hammond, of course, has played many more innings, and made more centuries than has Bradman, and no doubt he could have had a greater total of double centuries if he had had the inclination, or had not been limited in time; but so could Bradman.

Another point that arises from Bradman's latest three-figure score is in regard to who is the greatest Australian maker of centuries. Warren Bardsley, on the strength of the total given in Wisden, has been regarded as heading the Australian list with 56, the number Bradman, has now made. As a fact, however, some of those included in Wisden's total were not made in first-class cricket. According to my classification, his total is 52, so that Bradman was ahead of him before this season started.

There is an inclination in some quarters, especially by English statisticians, to include in their records matches and scores that are not first-class. Some of them even include matches played by English teams against country sides in Australia. By no stretch of the imagination, can these games be so regarded.

Ward's Rise To Fame

Apart from Bradman's batting in the Testimonial match at Sydney last month the most notable feature of the game was the bowling of Frank Ward, the South Australian. This player's rise has been one of the remarkable features of recent Australian cricket.

His case is remarkably like that of Clarrie Grimmett, for after failing to impress the selectors of other States he had to go to South Australia to receive recognition. Furthermore it is somewhat remarkable that it was Grimmett's absence in South Africa that gave him his chance last season.

A Big Jump

Ward played in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne before going to South Australia, but in none of those places was he regarded as anything more than a useful club bowler. Then he transferred to Adelaide, and at once jumped into prominence. He had a wonderful first season in the South Australian Shield team, and took 50 wickets at a cost of 20 runs each.

Some put his success down to the fact that so many of the leading batsmen were abroad, but he has shown against those same batsmen now that he is a bowler who has to be reckoned with. He has jumped into the limelight as a Test match possibility—if he stays here.

Engagement in England

This question of his remaining here is prompted by the announcement made recently that he had accepted a three years' engagement to go to England to play for Sir Julian Cahn's team, and that he would leave Australia early in the New Year. In view of his success, now Australians will hope that he may be induced to change his mind about going away so soon.

Ward is a slow leg-break bowler who spins the ball well, bowls the wrong 'un occasionally, and keeps an excellent length. When playing for South Melbourne before going to Adelaide he did nothing very striking; but his opportunities were limited to some extent by the fact that other bowlers in the side did so well.

Ward bowled extremely well for South Australia against the M.C.C. in the last match and is now at most a certainty for the first Test at Brisbane.

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W. R. Hammond, above, leads Don Bradman in the thrilling race for double centuries, the former having been undefeated in the recent second test for 231 runs.

EIGHT HOCKEY MATCHES FOR WASEDA TEAM

College Side Win All-
Japan Title

FIRST COLONY TRIAL
NEXT SUNDAY

(By "STICKS")

At the Council meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association held yesterday evening in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, and presided over by Lt. Comdr. Garwood, R.N., it was decided that in all eight matches would be played between the visiting Waseda University hockey team and teams from the Colony, the Services and Macau.

Among those present in support of the Chairman were Mr. F. A. Kemp, Hon. Secretary, Mr. K. Hunsain (K.I.T.C.), Mr. G. T. Palmer (European Y.M.C.A.), Mr. A. E. P. Guest (Radio), Mr. G. Sommer (H.K.H. Club) and Lieut. Ottway (representing the Army).

An application for affiliation to the Association from the Nomads Hockey Club was unanimously granted.

Mr. Kemp said that Mr. A. H. E. Butcher, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation had heard from a friend in Japan that the Waseda University eleven, who had won the all-Japan Hockey Championship and who had represented their country at the Berlin Games, wished to pay a visit to the Colony for a series of eight games.

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OLYMPIC GAMES SITE

Cost 50,000,000 Marks

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

On the occasion of the publication of the book describing the construction of the Reich Sportfeld, the Secretary of State informed members of the Press that the total expenditure on the sports field which was the scene of the recent Olympic Games was divided between the estate of the Berlin-German Railways, the Post Office and the Broadcasting Corporation and amounted to 50,000,000 marks, of which 40,000,000 marks were spent on the buildings themselves. Trans-Ocean Service.

JACK HYAMS MAKES A COMPLAINT

McAvoy Must Defend
Middle-Weight Title

London, January 24.
Jack Hyams, Southern Area middle-weight champion, has complained to the B.B.C. regarding McAvoy having held his title for over two years without defending it.

He has requested the B.B.C. to get a definite assurance from McAvoy that he will defend his title or relinquish it. In the latter event he will ask that his forthcoming contest with Dai Jones shall be officially declared as being for the British middle-weight title.



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BOXING GATE TAX

New Rule Is Being Regarded

BOARD OF CENTRAL DEBT ALLEGATIONS

London, November 21. The British Boxing Board of Control have denied that their new rule regarding percentage of gate money is not being regarded.

"In all cases where the Board of Control are entitled under their regulation to a percentage from the gate, it has been duly paid," said the secretary of the Board.

Only Exception

"The only instance of non-payment is the Harringay Stadium last Wednesday, and this is due to the short time that has been at the promoters' disposal to arrive at the final figures."

Under this regulation promoters pay to the Board a tax of 5 per cent. on takings of over £2,500.

RACE FOR DOUBLE CENTURIES

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Another bowler who has improved his Test chances as a result of this game is Ebeling who is captaining Victoria vs. the M.C.C. in today's match. A good performance in each innings has set the critics talking about him. Ebeling is in the position that he is the best bowler of his type in Australia, and he would make an excellent partner to the fast bowler in opening the attack.

[Hammond has since made a double century, in the Second Test, while F. Ward played in both the first and second Tests.]



Jack McAvey, seen above crouching over Al McCoy, of Canada, has been challenged by Jack Hyams, to defend his middleweight boxing title of Great Britain, which has not been defended for the past two years.

CRICKET MATCH AT C.C.C.

Married v. Single
Next Saturday

The Craigenower Cricket Club will be holding its annual cricket match, Married v. Single, at Happy Valley next Saturday, commencing at 11 a.m.

A tea dance will follow the match and will start at 6 p.m., music being supplied by the Selma Orchestra.

The fortnightly Club Whist Drive will not take place on that date.

DOUR CRICKETER

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war," and if a batsman is hit more than once by a fast bowler, accusations of "body-line" are levelled.

One Of Old School

In the days of Mead and his contemporaries, County cricket went the even tenor of its way and the game was played more for itself than the business of making money and attracting crowds without any feeling for the spirit of the game.

If a man played for his batting, continued to make runs, he retained his place in the side, if he did not he was dropped. That was all there was to it.

Mead topped the County averages last season, scoring 1,650 runs. He played a total of 55 innings and missed very few matches, so evidently his strength is not failing. What is the construction one must place on his dismissal? He has no attraction for the crowd so he goes!

Huge Total

Mead's first-class career dates from 1905 and up to the end of last season, he had amassed a total of 53,870 runs, a figure that is only bettered by Jack Hobbs, W. G. Grace and Frank Woolley. He has made seven appearances against the Australians and in 1921 scored 182 not out at the Oval. He played in 10 Tests against the South Africans and scored three centuries. In the 1922-3 Tests, he was associated with F. T. Mann in a record sixth wicket partnership which yielded 156 runs.

He has twice topped an aggregate of 3,000 runs in a season and eleven times has been over the 2,000 mark. In June 1921, and July 1923, he compiled more than 1,000 runs and, in all, has totalled 151 centuries in first-class cricket, a feat only bettered by Jack Hobbs and "Patsy" Hendren.

PONTIAC BAY SOLD FOR \$970

Pony Roup At Jockey Club
FOURTEEN SOLD

There was a large attendance at the pony rousp held at the Hong Kong Jockey Club yesterday afternoon, when 14 ponies were offered for sale, by auction.

The keenest bidding of the afternoon was heard, when Pontiac Bay was being auctioned. It was sold for \$970, the highest sum paid for any pony in the paddock, the successful bidder being Mr. Fung Kwok-wa.

The following is the list of ponies, with the purchasers, which were auctioned yesterday:

Double Chance, (\$310, Capt. G. Jones).
China Pony, (\$80, Mr. P. H. Sin).
Delightful Chance, (\$100, Mr. G. Baker).
Pontiac Bay, (\$970, Mr. Fung Kwok-wa).
Bibbie, (\$840, Mr. Kwok Hin-wang).
Gold Eagle, (\$100, Capt. G. Whitehead).
Zodiac, (\$200, Mr. Vilas Oastanada).
What A Chance, (\$200, Capt. J. J. Palmer).
Great Hall, (\$200, Mr. Morgan).
China Pony, (\$100, Mr. Vilas Oastanada).
Rugby Star, (\$110, Lieut. N. W. Metcalfe).
Shamrock, (170, Capt. Whitehead).
The Coat, (\$90, Mr. Peter H. Sin).
Elise Ribbon, (\$70, Dr. R. A. Basto).

LOCAL INDIANS TO PLAY KUMAON RIFLES

An interesting football match will take place on Christmas Day between a team of Indians resident in the Colony and the Kumaon Rifles at Chatham Road, at 4 p.m.

The following have been chosen to represent the Indians—S. Bux (St. Joseph's); A. J. Hussain (St. Joseph's); and O. el Arculli (St. Joseph's); Baker (St. Joseph's); O. M. Omar (St. Joseph's); S. Hameet (Eastern F. C.); M. H. Hassan (St. Joseph's); M. R. Abbas (Indian R. C.); A. M. Omar (St. Joseph's); R. M. Azim (Radio S. C.) and A. A. Rumjahn (St. Joseph's).

COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF RESULTS

Results of the Country Club golf tournaments played on Sunday are as follows: Club Championship.—E. Sadick beat H. K. Lee, three and two; J. J. Basto beat F. E. A. Remedios, one up.

Ladies' Cup.—Mrs. A. J. Kew qualified with a nett score of 70.

OPTIMISTIC NOTE AT GOLF CLUB MEETING

WORKING PROFIT OF \$18,084.23 FOR YEAR UNDER REVIEW

A VERY optimistic note was struck by the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Captain of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, in reviewing the activities of the past season at the annual general meeting of the Club which was held yesterday evening in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. before a big gathering of members.

The captain was supported by the following members of the committee—Messrs. E. Davidson, A. K. Mackenzie, K. S. Morrison, K. S. Robertson, A. Ritchie, R. D. Walker and Lieut. Col. E. D. Matthews, the Secretary.

Captain's Speech

The Captain, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, in making his annual speech, said, in part:—

"Before dealing with the report and accounts it is customary at this meeting to mention the names of members we have lost by death during the year, the list of which I deeply regret to say is all too long:—
C. E. Anton, P. E. Barker, J. W. C. Bonnar, Col. Dumbelton, E. O. Drake, C. E. L. Grist, F. C. Jenkin, C. Bulmer Johnson, E. S. Jones, A. Keith, Major F. G. Le Gros, Dr. A. J. Lawson, R. J. Paterson and W. Sanderson.

"Considering all things the year under review must be considered a very satisfactory one. Our liquid assets are much the same as they were a year ago in spite of the rather heavy extra expenditure on Fanning Clubhouse alterations.

Bigger Profit

"Our working profit was \$18,084.23 against \$16,695.67 in 1935, which has enabled us, in addition to making the customary provision for depreciation, to entirely write off the cost of the new bar in the men's Fanning Club house.

"There has in the past been such a rooted objection amongst members to building on to our present Mens' Clubhouse in any shape or form, that I certainly did not expect the suggestion I made at last year's meeting build on a new bar, would be taken as it were 'sitting down.' It is apparent now that I entirely omitted to take into consideration the fact that there are still a few things the Hong Kong community like to take sitting down, and one of them is gin. Consequently, at the comparatively small cost of \$5,400 the old Clubhouse has been adapted to permit us to indulge much more comfortably in this old-time honoured custom.

"The alterations to the ladies' Clubhouse, passed at last year's annual meeting, have been carried out, and I believe have met with universal approval. A great deal of the supervision of this work, in the absence of the Secretary, fell upon Major Walker, and without in any way wishing to detract from the work of our architects, I venture to think that the time and trouble he gave to the job is largely responsible for its turning out so successfully.

Number Of Members

"You will notice that the report shows playing members present in the Colony at September 30, as 534; to-day the number is increased to 560. The number of subscribers shown on the report is Navy 50, Army 56, a total of 106. To-day the number is more than double, approximately 225, accounted for of course by the large number of H. M. ships which have returned to the Colony. It is rather remarkable that in spite of the few ships on the station last winter, subscriptions are only down by \$644. Entrance fees as you know are credited to the Fanning rebuilding fund which benefited from them this year to the extent of \$6,750 (nett).

"During the latter part of the year special arrangements have been made with the Hong Kong Travel Association whereby tourists can use the Club's courses during mid-week. I would like it as widely known as possible that they can obtain from the Travel Association's office, coupons with which to pay their accounts, for it is rather surprising that up to the present this facility has only been utilised twice, despite the fact that it was supposed to be a very long felt want.

"Interport matches have by mutual consent been dropped for the time being, because it has been almost impossible in the depression, to get together representative teams. It is to be hoped that at no far distant date these enjoyable fixtures may be resumed.

The Pimples

"Finally Gentlemen, whatever else may have been accomplished during my term of office there is one thing in which the outgoing Committee and I take special pride. The pimples which for so long disfigured the fair face of the Old Course, have gone for ever. I can recall nothing more trying than the unequal punishment so often meted out by those pimples.

"Whenever I used to top my tee shot and my opponent followed suit, his ball would invariably be found sitting up sweetly on the upward slope of a simple and mine buried at the bottom of the downward slope of another. The ill-concealed smirk of satisfaction which accompanied the opponent's word of sympathy called for a golfing temperament far too perfect for this trying climate, and I therefore feel that, in removing the pimples, we have not only removed much that was offensive to the eye, but also the cause of much that was offensive to the ear.

To Commemorate It

"To commemorate their disappearance I ask the Club to accept from me a chair for the new bar to be called the Captain's Chair. This chair will not differ very much from any of the others, but it has been engraved with the Club crest and earmarked for the Captain. I present it on condition that it be not always placed at the same table, and that whenever the Captain is out at Fanning and any other member or subscriber sits in his chair by mistake, the penalty will be one round of drinks to all at that particular table in memory of the departed pimples.

"The danger of inadvertently sitting in this chair should tend to keep before members and subscribers for all time, one of the main achievements of the 1936 Committee, which we modestly claim has both beautified and purified the Old Course.

After the adoption of the reports and accounts Mr. G. Gilmore was unanimously elected Captain of the Club for the ensuing year.

After the ordinary business of the meeting had been concluded, Mr. E. Davidson, proposed the election of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell as a Life Member of the Club and in doing so said Mr. Dodwell had the unique distinction of having been the captain of the Club on four different occasions, and was always one of their most energetic and enthusiastic members.

Mr. K. S. Morrison seconded the proposal which was carried with acclamation.

New Committee

The following were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year:—

Messrs E. Davidson, A. E. Lisman, A. K. Mackenzie, K. S. Morrison, Professor F. A. Redmond, Messrs D. S. Robb, K. S. Robertson, R. D. Walker M.C. and R. Young.

Competition Results

The Club Championship of 1935 was won by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, Mr. D. J. Gilmore being the runner-up. Other competitions resulted as follows:—
Jasper Clark Cup 1935. Col. H. H. Blake.
Captain's Cup 1935. Mr. A. R. Purves.
Shanghai Visitors' Cup 1935. Mr. W. Sharp.
Stubbs Shield 1935 (formerly Governor's Shield). Messrs John D. Hutchinson & Co. (Messrs T. E. and T. A. Pearce).
Happy Valley Championship 1935. Mr. R. Young.
G. M. Young Cup 1935. Messrs Dodwell & Co. Ltd.
Junior Championship 1935. Mr. H. Lafford.

The championship of the members of the Golf Clubs of Hong Kong was played at Fanning and was won by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, runner-up, Mr. A. E. Lisman.

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Einstein on Competition

When Darwin's theories of natural selection and the survival of the fittest were at last firmly established it became the fashion to apply them to human affairs. Men may not kill one another on sight out of sheer hatred or fear, but they compete in other ways, runs the argument. The Bernhardt school of military philosophers, still followed in Germany, looked upon war as nature's method of weeding out nations unfit to inhabit the planet. German economists still see in the struggle for national and world markets a counterpart of the struggle that wiped out the dinosaur and other creatures known to us only by their fossil bones. Nietzsche developed Darwinism to the full and preached a doctrine of cruelty—the doctrine that the world belongs to the strong.

In attacking this type of reasoning at the convocation of the University of the State of New York Dr. Einstein may have presented the spectacle of kicking a dead horse. Certainly the analogy between the jungle and communal life has been beaten down often enough. But at this juncture of the world's affairs, when Fascist nations are proclaiming their superiority over the rest of mankind, their readiness to prove it by force of arms, their joy in the struggle for supremacy, it is well to hear one of the great thinkers of our time picture man as something finer than Nietzsche's Superman who knew no mercy.

Thomas Huxley could find no explanation in nature, evolution or anything else for the moral sense in man—the sympathy with suffering that sets him apart and that is utterly undarwinian, the yearning for something more than brute strength. It is not that evolution breaks down in man, but that in man we find the beginning of a spirituality that will itself evolve. At the last meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science Professor Julian Huxley, grandson of the great Thomas and a distinguished biologist in his own right, asked whether the aim of evolution should not be "to let the mammal die within us, so as the more effectively to permit the man to live." What glories of competition regard as a wholesome extension into their own lives of Darwin's struggle for existence is something anachronistic, something that belongs to the ruthless past. Armadillos, elephants, certain lizards are extinct in an evolutionary sense and are unaware of it—living relics of an epoch dead and gone. So it is with the tiger and the ape within us. They are vestiges of the struggle that enabled us to rise and not harbingers of what we may become. If staunch Darwinians find no evolutionary justification for competition, Einstein may preen himself on being as sound a biological philosopher as he is a mathematical physicist.

THIS HIS LIFE

Motorist at Tottenham: I refused to pass the police car, not because I was afraid of the officer summoning me, but afraid that he might "hit" and startle my wife.

CRUEL TO THEIR TWIN

But Kind To Other Children

PARENTS FINED IN COURT

Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis, a young couple of Dawlish-road, Reading, were cruel to their three-year-old twin boys, who were found in a bedroom which had no fire and was terribly cold. The room had only a mattress in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were kind to their two other children, one four years old and the other 14 months.

They were found in a comfortable sitting-room, playing in front of a fire, and were well cared for. "Deliberate"

At Reading Police Court last month an inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. said the neglect of the twins appeared to be deliberate.

Supt. Osborne said the parents were bound over two years ago for neglecting the twins.

The defendants were each fined £2 for neglecting the twins, who are to be placed in an institution.

MARRIAGE HELD INVALID

First Husband Was Alive!

A marriage in 1927 at Kensington Register Office between Squadron-Leader Leonard Young, R.A.F., stationed at Market Drayton, Salop, and Mrs. Jessie May Madeline Young, of Green Lane, Letchworth, Herts, was held to be invalid by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court last month.

The Judge decided that Mrs. Young's husband by a previous marriage—a man named Morgan—was alive at the time of the second ceremony.

The case for Squadron-Leader Young was that he suspected that his wife had not told the truth and made enquiries concerning Morgan. He found that Morgan was alive in 1925 and went to Canada.

Friends of Morgan had since had communications from him. A decree of nullity was granted.

NEW YORK ACCLAIMS NOEL COWARD

Stalls At 2½ Guineas For "To-night At 8.30"

Despite a charge of £2 12s. 6d. for stalls, thousands of Noel Coward "fans" turned out last month to see him and Gertrude Lawrence present the first three plays of the series, "To-night at 8.30."

The audience at the National Theatre, including most of the leaders of Manhattan's society, and many stage and film stars, marvelled at Mr. Coward's and Miss Lawrence's versatility as Mayfair butterflies, heartbroken victims of a psychological life triangle, and a pair of incredibly agile tap dancers.

Innumerable curtain calls produced a speech of thanks from Mr. Coward in which he deprecated advance publicity "ballyhoo."

Extra police had to keep order among the crowds thronging the exits seeking the autographs of celebrities.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

Tomb Of The Sacred Horse

THE Chora-Kaspir (Tomb of the Horse) in Baroda, India is a sanctuary and famous place of pilgrimage, to which large numbers flock annually, to pray. The structure is surmounted by 10 large domes and was erected over the final resting place of the horse belonging to Saint Sayed. It compares in pretentiousness with the Temple of the Dog in Burma and with the Mosque of the Camel in Tripoli, to which my own pilgrimages in search of the unusual have taken me in the past.

Here There and Everywhere.

ENTENTE CORDIALE—1906

The Entente Cordiale was in its first bloom in 1906 when M. Marcel Boullestin first visited London. He records some of its theatrical manifestations in his autobiography, "Myself, My Two Countries," which has just appeared.

In the Alhambra ballet the premiere danseuse wore a red, white and blue dress.

At Drury Lane Fragon sang patriotically in French and in English—with an accent in both languages.

Simone le Bary played in English next to George Alexander at the St. James's Theatre.

At the Coronet Theatre Sarah Bernhardt played Pelles to Mrs. Patrick Campbell's Melisande.

On his return to Paris M. Boullestin was present at the concert given under official auspices by the London Symphony Orchestra and the Leeds Choir.

At the end he met a famous dressmaker, who, in reply to his remark on the fine quality of the voices, shook his head sadly.

"Yes, yes," he said, "very interesting; fine music—Entente Cordiale—but, mon Dieu, these choristers, their frocks!"

Your Daily Smile!

He Knew

Tourist (having looked over historic castle, to butler): "I've made a stupid mistake. I tipped his lordship instead of you."

Butler: "That's awkward. I'll never get it now."

Justified

Lift Attendant: "Here you are, sonny. This is your floor."

Superior Youth: "How dare you call me 'sonny'! You are not my father."

Lift Attendant: "Well, I brought you up, didn't I?"

Storm Note

Two farmers met in town a few days after a cyclone hit the country-side.

"Yes, it did a lot of queer tricks out our way," declared one reflectively. "By the way, Hank, was that new barn of yours injured any?"

The other shifted his hat. "I can't rightly say," he answered. "I ain't found it yet."

A Ramour Scotched

"You know, it's all nonsense, this idea about the Irish being great fighters."

"How do you make that out?"

"Well, you know Sean Keely who lives in our street? Last night my brother and I and a couple of other fellows just knocked him silly."

FACTS OF SHIPPING STRIKE

CATECHISM ON COAST MARITIME TIEUP

SITUATION SUMMED UP IN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

THE basic facts of the Pacific

Coast maritime strike following in question and answer form:

Q—What caused the Pacific Coast maritime strike?

A—The failure of Pacific Coast shipowners and waterfront employers and their sea and dock employees to agree on terms of new working contracts.

Q—Did they try to reach agreements?

A—Yes, in a series of conferences that began in August, approximately 40 days before the old contracts, negotiated in 1934, expired.

Q—What was the principal obstacle to new agreements?

A—Chiefly differences on who shall control the hiring of the men who work on the docks or on American flag ships with headquarters in Pacific ports.

Q—What do the shipowners want regarding hiring?

A—They ask that hiring control be placed in neutral hands or in joint control of both operators and unions.

Q—What do the workers want?

A—Retention of the present system, set up in 1934, of dispatching dock gangs and ship crews from union operated hiring halls.

Q—Are wage questions involved?

A—Yes, longshoremen sought increases from 95 cents to \$1 an hour; seamen asked the wage scale be increased from \$62.50 to \$80 a month.

Q—Are working conditions involved?

A—Yes, sailors are demanding better living accommodations aboard the ships, which virtually are their homes.

Q—Are other questions involved?

A—Yes, the operators are asking a system of penalizing workers for petty strikes, refusals to pass picket lines, violations of working rules; while the unions seek cash overtime for sea workers instead of the present system of time off; shorter hours for the cooks and stewards aboard ships; enforcement of marine safety laws affecting employment of radio telegraphers; provisions that radio operators be required only to operate their radio sets instead of being called upon for other work

aboard ship.

Q—When did negotiations seeking to reach agreements on these demands break down?

A—The negotiations broke down a few hours before midnight September 30, when the old contracts expired. They were renewed, however, at the insistence of the Federal Maritime Commission and the Federal Department of Labour, and longshoremen, as president of the Maritime Federation.

Q—Who is considered the real strike leader?

Q—Did either side make a move toward peace before the final collapse?

A—Yes, the shipowners offered to submit all questions to Federal arbitration; the workers reduced their demands to "fundamentals" that centered on preferential employment, union hiring hall control, cash overtime for sailors, shorter hours for cooks and stewards.

Q—What happened?

A—The shipowners rejected the fundamental demands; the unions refused to consider arbitration of what they considered their rights.

Q—When was the strike called?

A—The strike was called at midnight, October 29.

Q—Who called the strike?

A—The Joint Negotiating Committee of seven maritime and dock unions.

Q—Who gave the committee the authority to issue the strike order?

A—The members of the seven unions, who voted nearly 9 to 1 to authorize the strike if their demands were not met by midnight October 28.

Q—When did the strike begin?

A—Immediately after the strike order was issued.

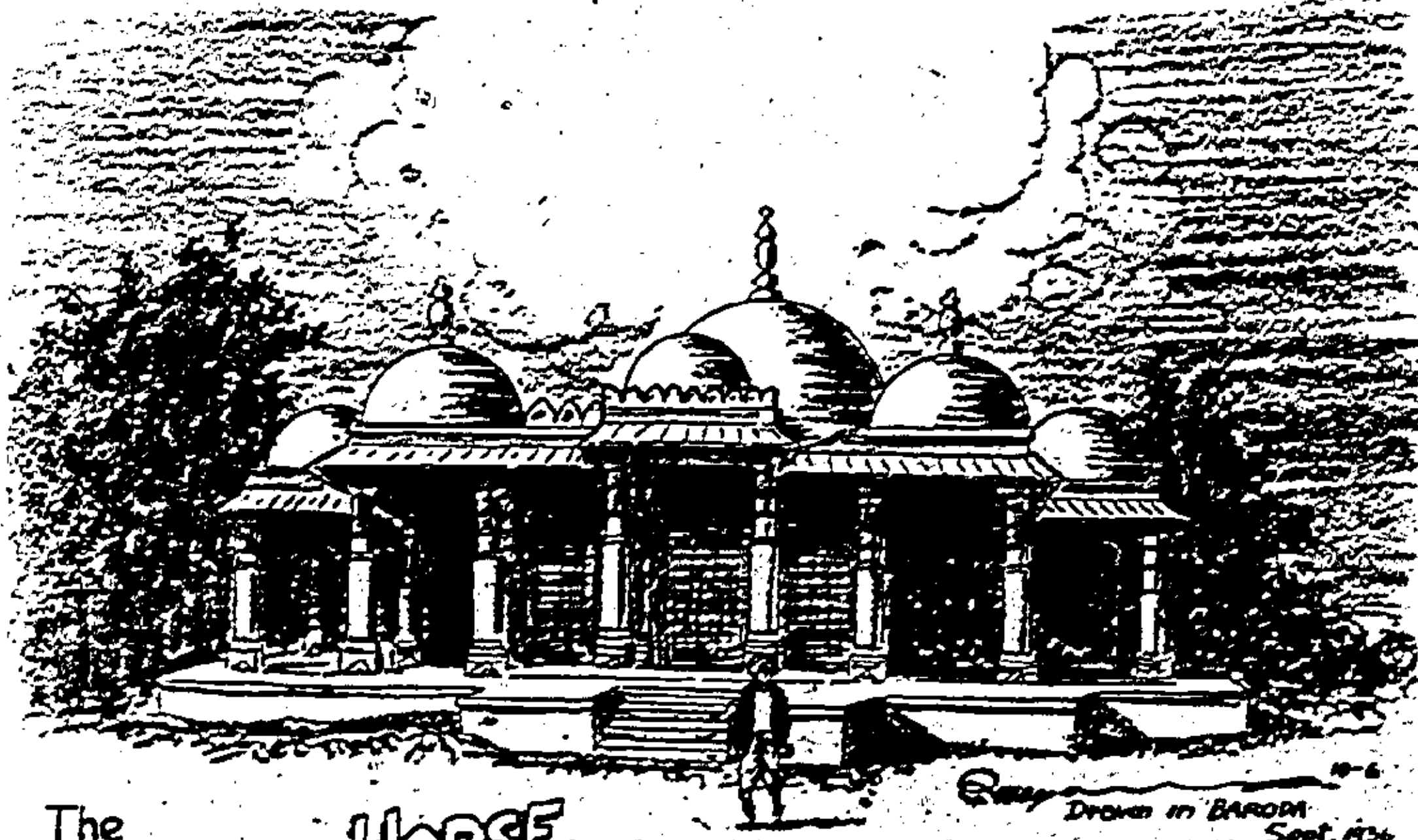
Q—How many workers did it affect?

A—Estimates differ, but the generally accepted number of maritime and dock workers is 35,000. A union speaker referred to the "United force of 40,000 men" in a speech.

Q—Was the strike fully effective immediately?

A—Practically yes. Dock workers in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and other ports (Continued on Page 6.)

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime A Great Success

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS

The annual Christmas pantomimes produced by the European Y.M.C.A. have become quite a feature of the entertainments of the Colony and last night's presentation of "Jack and the Beanstalk" before a very large audience proved no exception to the excellent fare that one has become accustomed to receive from this institution.

The "Book" was written by Rev. J. D. Maclean and he has brought in numerous satirical quips of local interest that proved a tremendous success. As usual, the Hong Kong Government received its fair share and Widow Wanchai's attribution of the opulence of her late husband, to his being in the P.W.D. brought the house down.

Z.E.W., our local broadcasting station, also came in for its share. Noreen Cooper, in the title role, made a most dashing hero, while Kathleen Winch, as Marguerite, was a winsome heroine.

Chief Honours

Chief honours, however, must go to Leonard Starbuck and Bob Henderson as Widow Wanchai and Dizzy respectively. Their slapstick comedy and droll wit was put across in a manner that showed the players were of a very high standard.

James Ferguson, as the bold bad baron was a most convincing villain, whilst John Luke, as Z.B.W., was a terrifying aide of the Giant. He also revealed a most pleasing voice in rendering "Yeomen of England."

One of the most amusing scenes of the performance was in the Giant's kitchen. Widow Wanchai, Dizzy and Cookie, played by Willie Forsyth, indulged in a performance of slapstick which kept the audience in fits of laughter. A game of cricket, played with a rolling-pin and pieces of dough, in which the batsman walked up the stage to pat the "wicket" was particularly appreciated.

Pleasing features of the evening were the choruses and ballets, which revealed a tremendous amount of hard work, both by the participants themselves, and George Goncharoff, the dancing instructor.

Most Beautiful Scene

The "Dance of the Flowers" by Stella Best and Fairies provided the most beautiful scene of the evening and was a pleasing contrast to the rest of the performance. One little dancer in particular is deserving of special mention. She took the roles of Sweet-meat Joe and a Kitchen maid, and revealed an assurance and technique any adult might have been proud of.

Winnie Lawson, as Fairy Ariel, sang and danced most pleasingly and was undoubtedly a great success.

A show that will do much to chase away any thoughts of depression, all pantomime lovers should on no account miss it.

They will be entertained for nearly three hours by talent and variety Hong Kong audiences seldom have served to them.

The Cast

Jack, (He of the Beanstalk), "Wanchai's son," Noreen Cooper.
Widow Wanchai, "A Goody Dame," Leonard Starbuck.
Sir Sham Shui-po, "A Big Bad Baron, Beery and Swell," James Ferguson.
(Lord of the village of Dingle Dell) Marguerite, "His very beautiful daughter," Kathleen Winch.
Dizzy, "A farmer's boy," Bob Henderson.
Cookie, "Obey to the Giant," Willie Forsyth.
Bromo & Seltzer, "Servants to the Giant," Robert Bates & Walter Brown.
Farmer Giles, "Father of Dizzy," Alfred Frenn.
Darkie Depression, "The biggest of Giants," Ernest Moses.
Dopey, "Sir Sham's Bailiff," Frank Angus.
Premiere Danseuse, Stella Best.
Z.E.W., "The fondest of Evil Spirits," John Luke.
Fairy Ariel, "The friend of Mortals," Winifred Lessor.
The Widow's Children—Yvonne Shaw, Maureen Chester-Woods, Pauline Strange, Netta MacWilliam, Barbara Jones, Betty Moy and Percy Houghton and not forgetting Jenny Tremlett and Penny Benwell.
Funks of the George Goncharoff School of Dancing who took part: Mental Fielder, Percy Scottcher, Joyce Ferguson, Percy Ferguson, Pat Pasco, Betty Lee, Yvonne Serward, Freda Johnson and Bowita.
(Continued at foot of next Col.)



A costume suggesting spirit and sophistication, and which is nevertheless youthful in its implications, marks the latest portrait of Barbara Pepper, the RKO Radio comedienne featured in the Wheeler and Woolsey picture, "Mummy's Boy," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Christmas Day.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

CHINESE REPUBLIC COMMEMORATION

26th Anniversary To Be Celebrated

In commemoration of the 16th anniversary of the Republic of China, a tea party will be given by the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in their board room at 3 p.m. on Friday, January 1.

Invitations have been sent out by the Chamber's Secretary, Mr. Tso Hock-in, and those wishing to attend the function are requested to send in their replies on or before next Sunday.

KILLED HIS BEST FRIEND

Self-Defence Plea Raised

BOTH MEN DRUNK

A man who killed his best friend during a quarrel was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour at the Old Bailey last month.

He was Robert Sheridan Moore, aged 62, a clerk, of Parker-street, Drury-lane, W.C.

He was charged with the murder of John Towers, aged 50, a tailor, of Wharton-street, King's Cross, on August 22 last. Towers was found dead in his flat.

The charge of murder was dropped, and Moore was found guilty of manslaughter.

Inspector Hawyard said that Moore was born in Melbourne and had 21 previous convictions for larceny and theft and in 1918 was bound over for unlawful wounding.

"To Defend Himself"

Moore had been frequenting race-courses. He was a heavy drinker of cheap Australian wines.

Mr. Derek Curtis-Bennett, defending, said that Moore killed his best friend.

Both Moore and Towers were drunk and quarrelled and Towers picked up a flat iron and, to defend himself, Moore picked up a house-knife and cut the side of Tower's neck and severed an artery.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice Singleton said that the use of a knife was always serious and if Moore had been a younger man he would have sent him to penal servitude.

Rivers.

The Chorus—Villagers and Giant's Slaves—Ladies: Joan Lakeman, Joan Ann Holland, Pat Brown, Olive Smith, Dorothy Wicheil, Eileen Clewer, Elizabeth Whitehead, Tilly Strang.

Men: Leonard Starbuck, Valerie Becker, Winnie Henderson, Edith Addison.

Gentlemen: Robert Bates, Alfred Frenn, Brian Hyman, Harry Houghton, Bill Muir, Theo Ingram, Walter Brown, Vernon Harris, George Kinloch, Peter Finlayson, Frank Angus, Willie Forsyth.

Orchestra—Piano: Mrs. Paddy Watson, Violins: A. J. Hall and Barbara Brown, Cello: D. McNeill, Bass: B. White, Trumpet: W. Sharpe, Drums: W. Hopkins, Arranged by W. J. Lee.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. have arranged for a special delivery by motor truck to the New Territories to-morrow, Christmas Eve, for Aerated Waters, and Wines and Spirits.

The s.s. Comorin left Shanghai for this port yesterday afternoon, and is expected to arrive in the Colony to-morrow at 5 p.m.

According to schedule, the s.s. Talma will leave for Shanghai, via Amoy, at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

A musical "hour" for members and their friends will be held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Monday next, commencing at 6.15 p.m.

Charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning with the possession of two old bayonets and one fully-loaded revolver at Hotel Cecil, Lai Wah-lai was remanded for a week for medical examination. Detective-Inspector J. Murphy was in charge of the case.

V. Kovsky and V. Statakohi, two Russians, were each sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment and ordered to be sent back to Shanghai by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning when they pleaded guilty to stowing away on the R.M.S. Empress of Asia from Hong Kong to Manila.

J. C. Gardner, who is charged with the fraudulent conversion of money belonging to the Union Insurance Society, again made an appearance before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy when five further charges were preferred against him. Defendant was remanded to Monday, when the case will be heard.

Amongst the passengers who left the Colony by the m.s. Tijisdane for Manila yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. B. Grieve who are on their honeymoon trip.

LITTER THAT FALLS LIKE MANNA

At Least, So It Would Seem

This is what Sir Tain Colquhoun, Bt., had to say about "little fiends" in his Rectorial address at Glasgow University last month:

In some districts the very name "litter" is anathema to the inhabitants and the whole out-of-door movement is condemned.

The landlord has one real and legitimate grievance in his contact with the public, and that is in regard to our old friend litter.

It is heartbreaking for him to see his beautiful country turned into a refuse dump after every fine week-end.

I have never yet met the man or woman who does not condemn this barbarous practice, nor have I ever heard of anyone admitting that he was guilty of it.

One can only assume that it falls like manna from the skies and a rough justice would be done if the skies would fall on those who defile the country, for apparently nothing else will stop them.

Amusements

Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"SWING TIME"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Vaudeville may be dead, but its former headline performers most certainly are not. Four of them, in fact, are playing the top roles in the new musical production, "Swing Time."

Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Victor Moore and Helen Broderick are the ex-vaudevillians appearing together in the current song and dance film. Astaire and Miss Rogers are co-starring, and Moore and Miss Broderick are playing principal supporting roles.

In addition to the "big four" of the cast, other "Swing Time" players are former vaudevillians. Among the latter group are Frank Jenks, Donald Kerr and Jack Good, all of whom play comedy roles and do a dance with Astaire.

Eric Blore, the funny butler of former Astaire and Rogers musicals, now cast as a dancing school proprietor, hails from the London stage, where he was in the troupe which featured Fred Astaire in "The Gay Divorcee." Betty Furness, who is grouped among the supporting principals in "Swing Time," is a product strictly of the films.

"BRIDES ARE LIKE THAT"—STAR THEATRE

This picture is one of the most hilarious screen productions of the year and abounds in riotous situations, unique episodes and a most unusual plot.

It is based on the play "Apple Sauce" by Barry Connors, which was one of the hits of the stage. The motion picture retains all the humorous angles of the original stage production and has added some more for good measure.

Ross Alexander and Anita Louise have the romantic roles, the former playing the part of a ne'er-do-well with a great gift for flattery by which he is enabled to work his way into the good graces of his town-folk, although it also gets him into plenty of trouble.

Alexander handles his part with the same great competence that has characterised all his roles since he recently deserted the Broadway stage for Hollywood.

"THE LAW IN HER HANDS"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"The Law In Her Hands," a First National comedy drama combining hilarious laughter and dramatic thrills, has a talented cast headed by Margaret Lindsay, Glenda Farrell, Warren Hull and Lyle Talbot.

The plot is said to move with rapid fire action from the first sequence when a bomb is dropped in a restaurant by a racketeer to the denouement in which the boss gangster is convicted of poisoning milk for babies and killing witnesses to cover up his tracks.

The final court trial is amazingly sensational, a woman lawyer turning her own racketeering client over to justice after he had kidnapped her and forced her to defend him by threats against her life. Other court trials are decidedly humorous.

Others in the cast include Eddie Acuff, Dick Purcell, Al Shean, Joseph Crehan, Matty Paim, Addison Richards and Eddie Shubert. William Clemens directed.

"MURDER BY AN ARISTOCRAT"—KING'S THEATRE

"Murder by an Aristocrat," a First National mystery drama, based on one of the most popular of Mignon G. Eberhart's baffling murder stories, has Lyle Talbot, Marguerite Churchill and Claire Dodd in the leading roles.

The plot centres about the deaths of two members of the proud and aristocratic Thatcher family.

Bayard Thatcher, a part played by William Davidson, is the first to meet death. The blacksheep of the family who is attempting to blackmail his relatives is wounded mysteriously one night by a bullet, and the next day he is found shot through the heart.

Five other members of the family are suspected, as also are the butler and the maid, although John Eldridge, portraying the District Attorney, a sensitive trial to make out a case of robbery, is convinced that the murderer is in the role of Dave Thatcher, eliminated as a suspect, he being found dead in the attic of the Thatcher mansion.

Lyle Talbot as Dr. Allen Carrick, is called into the case and brings a nurse to the house, a part played by Miss Churchill. The nurse runs across so many strange incidents during her night in the home, she confides to Talbot, her fiancé, that she believes a murder has been committed which the family is trying to cover up. She eventually discovers the missing jewels and uncovers the murder plot. Claire Dodd as the wife of Dave Thatcher, has another siren role. Joseph Crehan and Florence Fair are two other members of the family being blackmailed by Bayard, and Virginia Brissac plays the part of Adela Thatcher, the aged spinster head of the family.

Stuart Holmes is the butler, and Lottie Williams and Mary Treen are the two maids, all under suspicion.

"HUMAN CARGO"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

A vicious new crime ring that could not be smashed and a startling new mystery that could not be solved, until a debutante who wants thrills and a reporter who wants headlines, plunge into the exciting plot, and in a series of breath-taking events, smash the new menace that threatens the nations.

That is the high-tension entertainment promised in "Human Cargo" with Claire Trevor and Brian Donlevy heading the cast which includes Alan Dinehart, Ralph Morgan, Helen Troy and Rita Cansino.

Miss Trevor is seen as the deb who is determined to have her share of excitement. She obtains a job on Dinehart's newspaper and her first assignment sends her to a night club with ace reporter, Brian Donlevy.

Before the film ends Miss Trevor goes through a set of experiences thrilling enough for any dare-devil or explorer. The ending is reported to have Claire, out-of-breath, falling willingly into Donlevy's arms.

"TOO TOUGH TO KILL"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Featuring Victor Jory and Sally O'Neil, Columbia's "Too Tough To Kill," a story of the construction of a segment of the Colorado River Aqueduct high in the parched mountains of the Sierra Nevada range.

Revolving around the construction of the tunnel through the hard rock of the mountains while cave-ins, death dealing explosions, handbills and a band of murderers strive to prevent completion of the project on time, "Too Tough To Kill" is a story of galvanizing action and thrilling romance.

When Victor Jory, as John O'Hare, is placed in charge of the construction job, he finds not only defective machinery holding back work, but a band of malcontents determined to go to any extreme, even murder, to prevent the tunnel from being finished on time.

At the same time, Sally O'Neil, as Ann Miller, a beautiful and competent newspaper reporter, is sent to the construction camp by her paper to determine why the project is far behind schedule. She and Jory battle galore because Jory resents a woman snooping around the camp.

When Sally discovers a plot to kill Victor, and a dozen miners working deep in the mine, it is she who races into the mine in the face of almost certain death, to rescue the man she loves. And hard-as-rock Jory discovers he has a very soft spot for the snooping newspaper woman.

Ward Bond, Thornton Hall, Gene Morgan, Frank Rice, Robert Gleckler and Johnny Arthur are in the supporting cast.

"SWAMPS ALONG DUTCH BORDER TO BE DRAINED"

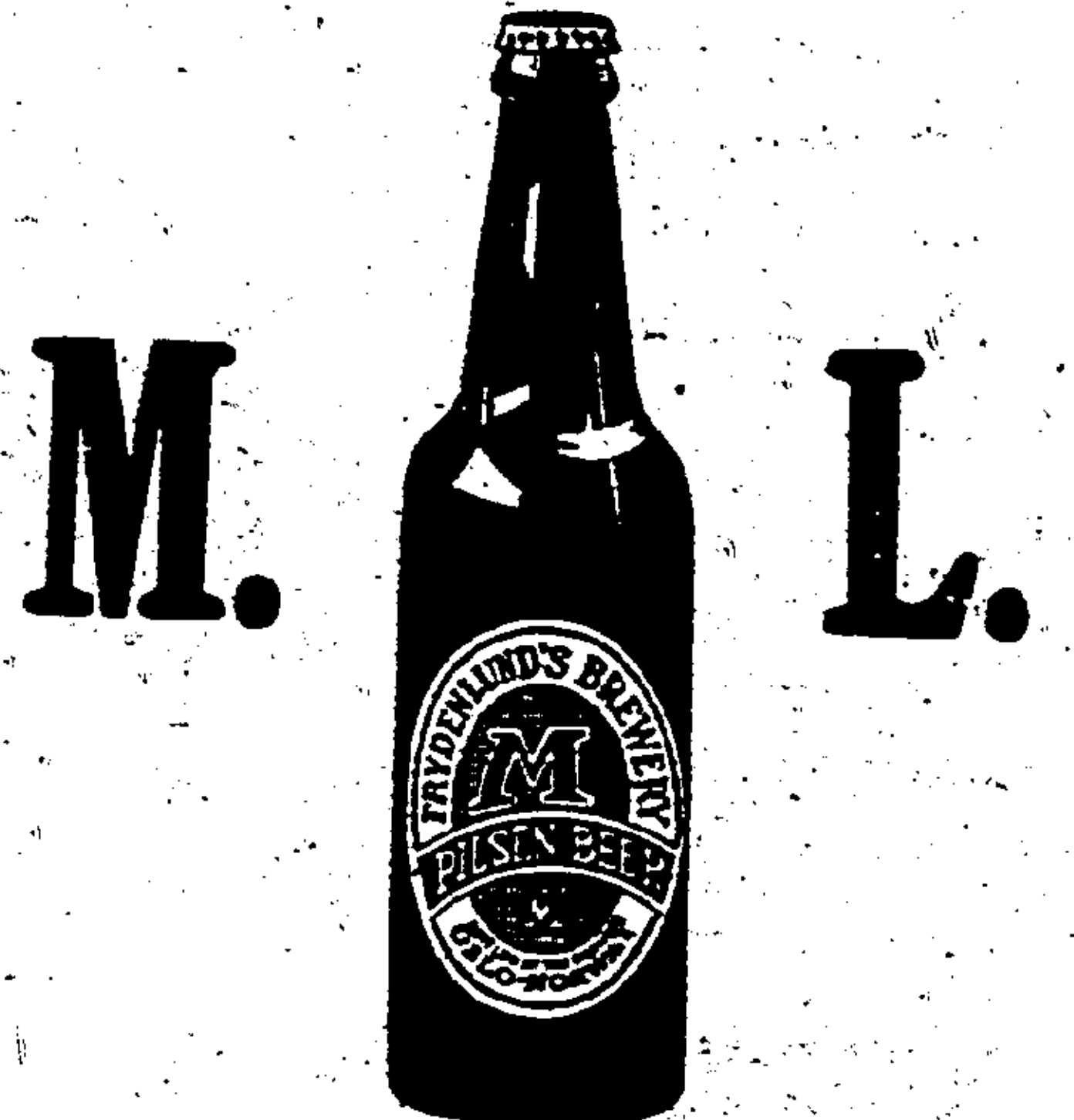
Berlin, To-day.—General Goering has commissioned the Reich Labour Service to take up the project of draining the swamps and muckland along the Dutch frontier as soon as possible so that the territory may be rendered arable. As a result of this order an increased number of labour service men will be sent to the region concerned.—Trans-Ocean Service.



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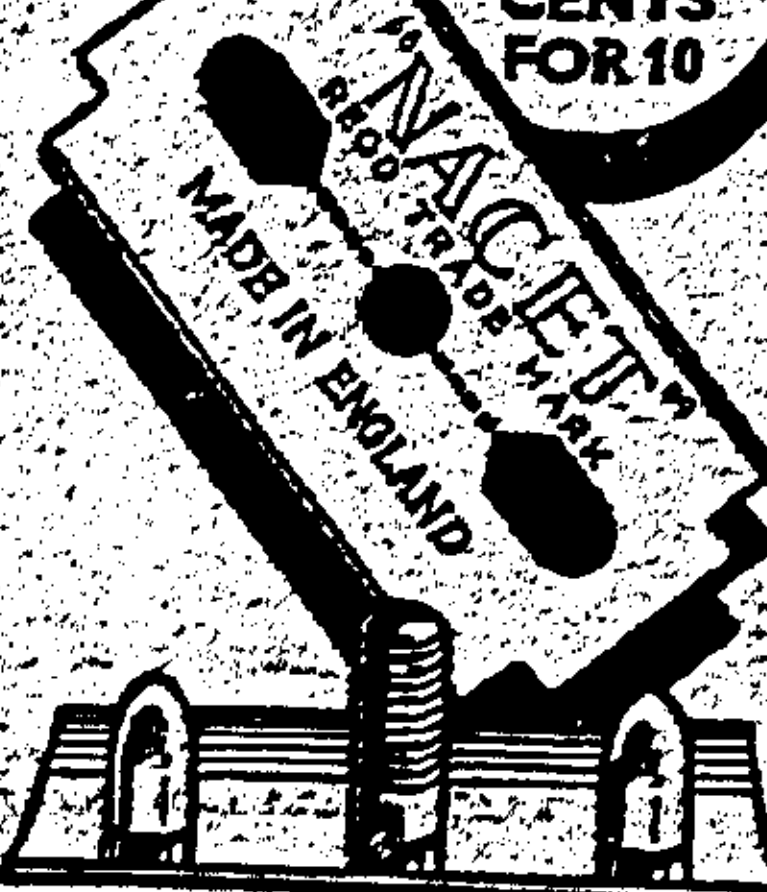
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TALK—"LONDON AT CHRISTMAS
TIME"
CELLO RECITAL.

H.K.T.
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European pro-
gramme.

12.30 p.m.—A Variety Concert.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and
Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Military Band Music.
1.30 p.m.—Radio Press, Rugby
Press, Local: Weather Forecast, Time
and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—A Recital by Malcolm
McEachern (Bass) and the Angelus
Octet.

2 p.m.—The London Palladium Or-
chestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Or-
chestra.

Salut d'Amour (Elgar).
I kiss your lips (Rudolph).

"La Belle Helene"—Selection
(Offenbach).

7.13 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Programme of Composition by
Harold Scott, Played by the Composer.

Four New Interludes.
Performed for the First Time.

1. (a) "Pastorale" in A flat,
(b) "in G minor" (Quasi
Religioso).

(c) "Keltic,"
(d) "In G sharp minor."

2. "The Tinkling Sheep Bells,"
"Sea Lulling,"
"Song of the Sussex Road."

7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quo-
tations and Hong Kong Exchange
Market Report.

7.35 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—
Gang Show of 1936

Instrumental—
Ralph Reader and Chorus.

Chicken Reel.
If you were the only girl in the
world... Brian Lawrence and
his Lansdowne House Sextet.

Piano Duet—
Transatlantic Rhythm,
...Irving Caesar and Ray
Henderson.

Orchestra—
A Gypsy Lament,
Flor Gitana.

Don Rico and his Gypsy
Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—The British Symphony
Orchestra.

Sylvia Ballet (Debussy).
A thousand and one nights—Waltz
(Johann Strauss).

8.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Violinello Recital by Susan Jones.
A.R.C.M.

1.—Sonata in B flat major,
Thomas Arne.

Poco Largo—Cavotta.

2.—"Five Irish Folk Tunes"—
The Green Bushes.
A Hush—A Bye,
Howard Ferguson.

3.—"Lambert's Clavichord"—
De la Mare's Ravane,
Sir Hugh's Galliard,
Herbert Howells.

8.45 p.m.—London—"London at
Christmas Time," a talk by S. E.
Littlewood.

9 p.m.—London—News and An-
nouncements.

9.20 p.m.—A Christmas Overture,
(Coleridge-Taylor), played by the
Symphony Orchestra.

Hymns—
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,"
"Christians, awake," The Radio
Choir.

9.30 p.m.—From the Studio—
The Fourth of a series of talks on
"The Early Days of Cricket,"
by R. Abbot.

9.45 p.m.—Organ Music.
Evening Song (Baird),
La Nuit (Elert), Harry Goss Gustard.
Melody in F (Rubinstein),
Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard),
Edward O'Henry.

Medley of Old Time Songs—
(Part 1. English,
Part 2. Scottish)... Sydney
Gustard.

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.

10.10 p.m.—Descriptive—Studio
Scene (A bit of Opera), (Careless
Rapture).

..... by Ivor Novello, Dorothy Dick-
son and Olive Gilbert.

Song—"Why is there ever good-bye
("Careless Rapture")

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-Step—
Chin Boy,
Choo-Choo.

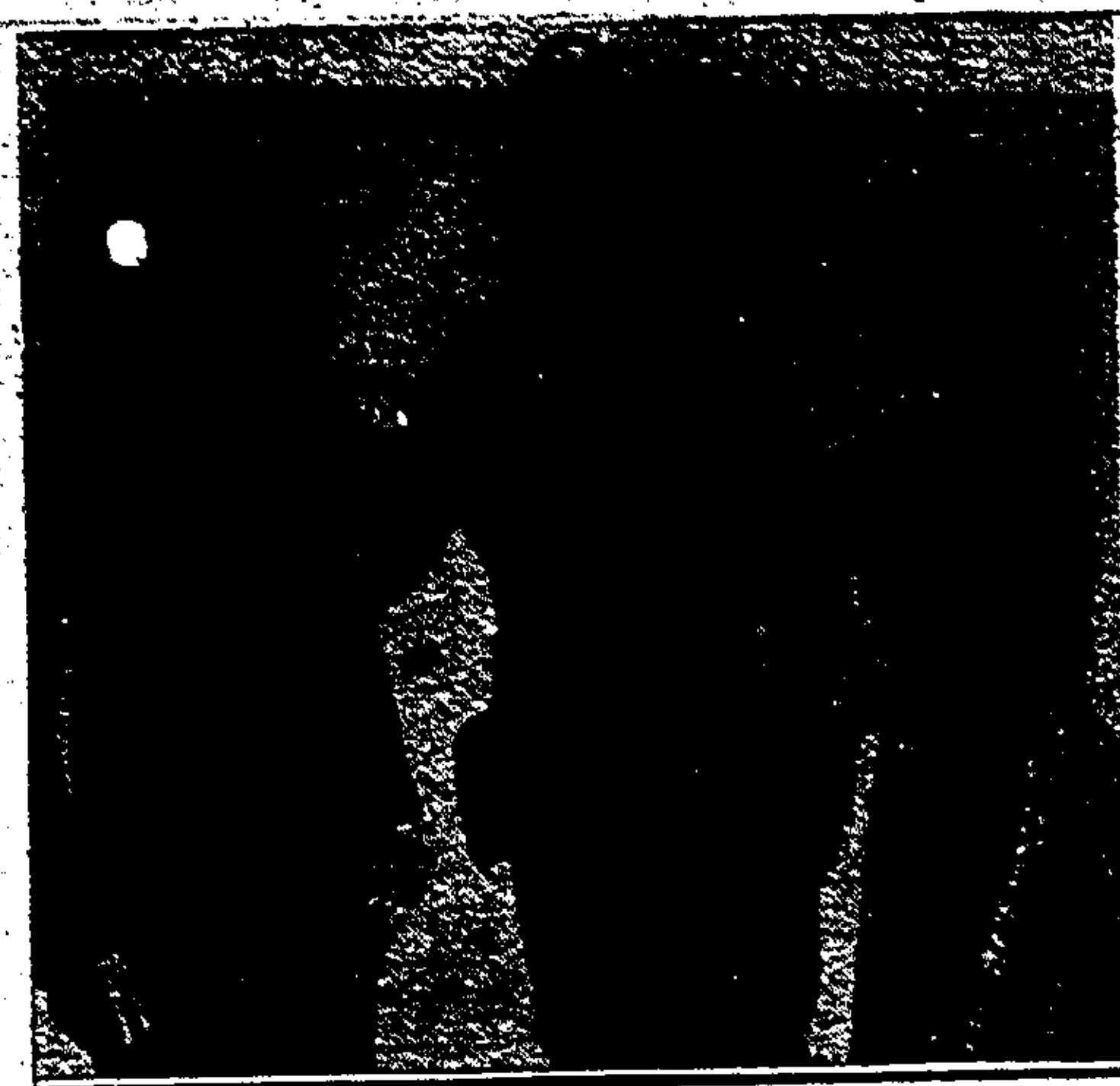
Fox-Trot—
Chinatown, my Chinatown,
Star Dust.

Everybody Dance.
My, what a different night.
Birmingham Breakdown.
When the Poppies bloom again.
Supposing.

A broken doll.
Darktown Strutters' Ball.
Slow Fox-Trot—With all my heart.

Fox-Trot—Cling to me.
Waltz—The last waltz.

11 p.m.—Close down.



A new George O'Brien is on his way to the screen. Playing his first pioneer hero in "Daniel Boone," O'Brien discards the chase and the six-shooters of his familiar cowboy roles for the backslung and long rifle of the pioneer. Heather Angel is the feminine lead, and Ralph Forbes is the high-toned menace.

FACTS OF SHIP STRIKE

(Continued from Page 4)

San Francisco, Los Angeles, Stockton, San Diego and other ports refused to handle any cargoes the first day of the strike; seamen aboard ships then in port walked off that day. Sailors at sea at the time left their ships when they arrived in port.

Q—What unions were affected?
A—The International Longshoremen's Association, Pacific Coast division; the Sailors Union of the Pacific; the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association; the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association; the Marine Cooks and Stewards Association; the Masters, Mates and Pilots Association; and the American Radio Telegraphers Association.

Q—Was any other organisation involved?
A—Yes, the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

Q—What is that?
A—A confederation of all the water front unions, formed after the 1934 strike to present a union "united front."

Q—Do shipowners recognise this federation?
A—No, they have no contractual relations with it.

Q—Does the American Federation of Labour recognise the federation?
A—No, it has refused to recognise its authority.

Q—Is this federation a factor in the strike?
A—Decidedly it is a powerful factor. The unions issue all their statements through it, and the strike policy committee works under the federation.

Q—Who is the union leader in the strike?
A—William Fisher, a Portland longshoreman, as president of the Maritime Federation.

Q—Who is considered the real strike leader?
A—Harry Bridges, leader of the longshoremen.

Q—Who is the leader of the shipowners in the strike crisis?
A—Thomas G. Plant, chairman of the Coast committee for shipowners and also chairman of the Water-front Employers' Association of the Pacific Coast.

Q—Are these organisations different?
A—Yes, the Coast committee for shipowners represents the Pacific Coast steamship companies who hire the seamen; the Water-front employers' number not only the Coast concerns but foreign and New York operators and they employ the longshoremen.

Q—What companies principally are represented in the Coast committee for shipowners?
A—The Dollar Lines, the Matson Navigation Company, the American Hawaiian Steamship Company and the Luckenbach Lines. They are called "The Big Four" of Pacific shipping.

Q—Are any other ship operators involved?
A—Yes, the Shipowners Association of the Pacific, consisting of owners of steam schooners engaged chiefly in coastwise lumbering carrying. This organisation does its own bargaining with the workers.

Q—How many ships in all were affected by the strike?
A—At present reports, 178 ships, including American flag vessels, foreign ships, and schooners, are tied up in Pacific ports.

BREVITIES

The Colonial Secretariat has issued a communique to the effect that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Peking on account of small-pox.

The R.M.A. Dorado arrived at Kai Tak yesterday, with one passenger, Mr. N. J. Perrin, who flew all the way from London. There were also 3,240 kilos of freight and 322,658 kilos of mail matter on board.

St. Paul's Chinese School (the French Convent) will hold its annual presentation of prizes to-day at 4.30 p.m. when the Reverend Mother Provincial will distribute the awards. The work of the children will be exhibited in the school.

For their annual Christmas Pantomime, the European Y.M.C.A. presented "Jack and the Beans" to a large and appreciative audience last night. A full report will appear in the final edition.

There were six passengers aboard the C.N.A.C. plane Fulden which arrived here from Shanghai yesterday. They were Mr. H. M. Bixby, Far Eastern representative of Pan-American Airways, Ltd., Mr. Evelyn Harriman, Mr. E. Haas, Mrs. Haas, Mr. Kurt Haas, and Mr. G. F. Sauer. One passenger, Miss L. Ying Wong, flew from here to Canton.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Helena d'Azevedo da Silva, wife of Mr. A. M. da Silva of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company. The funeral will take place to-day, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

ROTARY CLUB TIFFIN

A warm welcome was accorded Bishop R. O. Hall when he attended the Hong Kong Rotary Club luncheon yesterday for the first time since he returned from leave in England. Other visitors were Rotarians A. R. Hager, Past President of the Shanghai Rotary Club; Professor J. B. Nocht, Hamburg Rotary Club; and Capt. A. J. L. Murray of H. M. S. Dorsetshire. Rotarian N. J. Perrin who had only just returned from leave was also present. The visitors brought greetings from their Clubs, and, after they had been welcomed, the President, Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, called on the Bishop to speak on "Making Community."

TWO REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Two missionaries of the Basel Mission, Shamshipo, not only became bridegrooms at the Registry yesterday but acted as witnesses for one another in their respective marriages. They were the Rev. Emil August Kaufmann and the Rev. Wilhelm Philipp Weichum, and they were married to Miss Hanna Wilhelmina Schollmeier and Miss Ruth Hanhart respectively. Both brides belonged to the same mission. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, of Marriages, officiated, and the other witness to both ceremonies was Mr. J. Arth Ritzl.

WOMAN SMOKE PIPE AT 100

Mrs. Sale, of New-road, Clifton, Beds., who was 100 last month, still enjoys smoking her pipe.

DEATH ENQUIRY CONCELUDES

Verdict Of Suicide
Returned

ECHO TO REPULSE BAY
TRAGEDY

At the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Mrs. E. M. Carnrick, aged 52, an American, whose body was discovered on Middle Bay beach, Repulse Bay, on October 23, at the Central Magistrate's yesterday, the jury returned a verdict of suicide. Mr. E. Keen sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. John Murphy (Foreman), J. F. E. Rozario and K. R. Macaskill. Detective Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan was present for the Police.

Mr. A. G. Piovaneli, Manager of the Hong Kong Hotel, testified that Mrs. Carnrick frequently visited the hotel. Witness last saw her, so far as he could remember, on Tuesday, October 27, about 9.30 p.m. He described her dress. Mr. John Semmler, Manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel, said deceased was a resident of the hotel. She stayed in a room for which she paid \$300 a month, but on June 12 she moved into another room which cost her \$200 a month. She was once absent from the hotel on a trip north. She owed the hotel \$190.90, nearly a month's board. Deceased had mentioned to witness that she intended to leave the hotel at the end of October.

Death Of Man Friend

Witness agreed that there had been a resident at the hotel by the name of Mr. Stanley Cobham, Mr. Cobham and deceased arrived together, and were very friendly. Deceased had remarked that she might possibly get engaged to him. Mr. Cobham fell ill and was removed to hospital sometime towards the end of August, during Mrs. Carnrick's absence from the Colony, and died of natural causes.

The next witness was Flt.-Lt. P. H. Smith, chief flying instructor attached to the Far East Flying Training School. He said that about September 16, Mrs. Carnrick went to the School and said she wanted to have a flight. Witness put her in a machine and strapped her in with the safety harness, and took off. When the plane was about 20 feet up in the air, witness noticed the harness in the front cockpit where deceased was sitting was flapping loose. One of her shoes also drifted from the front cockpit to the back cockpit, and witness immediately landed.

Significance Seen

He told deceased she could not fly without the safety harness, and, after she had put her shoes on again, the flight was resumed and completed. No further incident occurred. Witness remembered reading of Mrs. Carnrick's death in the newspapers some time later, and it then occurred to him that deceased had intended some harm to herself when she went up on the flight. Without retiring, the jury returned their verdict.

WEDDING GIFT TO M. P.

Constituents presented to Lord Dunglass, M. P. for Lonsdale, and Lady Dunglass a silver tea and coffee service and two oil-paintings, to mark their wedding last month.

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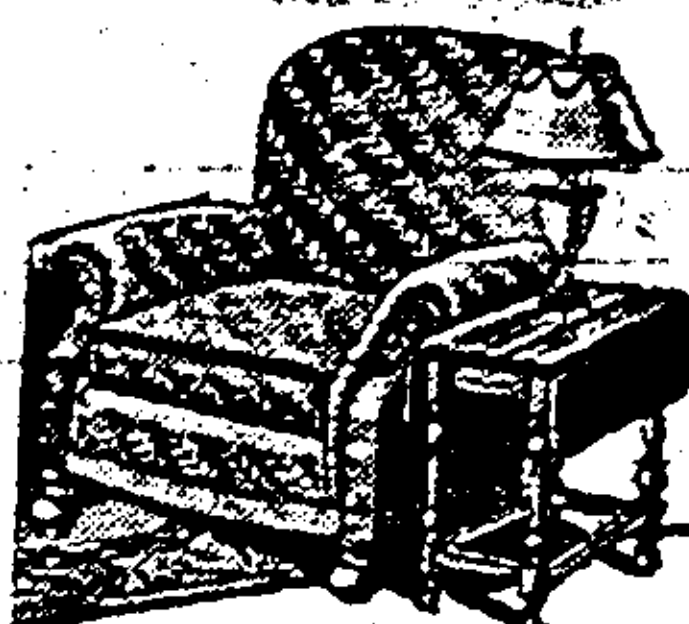
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THE COMING OF CHRIST

Nativity Play at
St. John's

A large number of people were present at St. John's Cathedral last evening, when Massfield's play, "The Coming of Christ," was performed. The players who take part in this play are by their own request anonymous.

The story opens with the Four Angels of the Power attempting to dissuade Anna Christi from entering Human Life, but the Saviour goes, asking them to grant Him comfort in His going. Peter and Paul are next seen describing their weaknesses, and are followed by the three Kings who depart to find the Saviour-King.

The shepherds are shown grumbling at their lot in having to tend other men's sheep, on such a cold winter's night, and decide to go to the Inn of Bethlehem, for wine and warmth. The angels appear to these lowly men, and the Kings are seen offering their gifts before a manger, which bears the Child Christ. The incidental music, by Gustav Holst, which is of rare beauty, is admirably sung by a hidden choir, and a feature of the acting was the clear enunciation of all the players.

The play will be repeated again to-night at 9.15.



Fredric March and Steffi Duna in a tense scene from Warner Bros. production of "The Dummy" which brings to the screen all the globe-grinding glamour, romance, colour and thrills packed into the 1,274 pages of Hervey Allen's greatest best-selling novel. The supporting cast is headed by Olivia de Havilland, Anita Louise, Claude Rains, Donald Woods, Edmund Gwenn, Louis Hayward, and many others. This production will be screened at the King's Theatre on New Year's Day.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Forcing The Dummy

The ways in which the Declarer can use his trump suit to the greatest advantage are many and varied. He uses it to lead out his opponents' trumps and destroy their ruffing power; as stoppers to prevent the run of an established suit which is held against him; as a means of disposing of his own losing tricks by ruffing them with Dummy's short trump length. At times the trump suit fulfils still more complex duties, when Dummy's short trumps are used to serve as entries to an established long suit. In order to defend successfully against the Declarer, his adversaries must understand all of these methods and many more, so that they may plan a counter-attack to prevent the Declarer from using his trumps to the best advantage.

In occasional cases the principal power of the trump suit is to furnish entry back to Declarer's hand. At such times the proper defence technique is to reverse the usual procedure of trying to prevent Declarer from ruffing with Dummy's short trump suit. Instead of preventing ruffs, the defence must force Dummy to ruff, so that eventually there will be no trumps left in Dummy for the Declarer to use in transferring the lead. In most cases, when such a condition exists it must be recognised immediately so that the process of forcing the Dummy can be started at once. The very first lead is usually none too soon.

North, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

North			
S—A K 3			
H—Q			
D—K 9 6			
C—Q J 9 8 4 2			
West			
S—10 4 2			
H—J 8 5 2			
D—J 8 7 4			
C—10 6			
South			
S—Q J 9 8 5			
H—7 6 4 3			
D—2			
C—K 7 5			
East			
S—7 6			
H—A K 10 9			
D—A Q 10 5 3			
C—A 3			

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

North	East	South	West
1C	DBL	1S (1)	Pass
2S	DBL (2)	Pass	3H
3S	4H	4S (3)	Pass
Pass	DBL	Pass	Pass

1—South makes his normal "one over one" response just as though the double had not occurred.
2—This is still a takeout double. Spades and clubs having been bid against him, East is sure that West must hold a four-card suit in either hearts or diamonds.
3—Both adversaries having shown length in hearts, South is sure that North must hold a singleton or perhaps none at all. If the club suit is solid, it seems that four spades can be made.
4—We opened the heart device, and East knew that South must have four hearts because West's double lead, which was probably his fourth highest, showed at most four cards in the suit. East could therefore see that in addition to his Aces of clubs, diamonds and

hearts, he could win an extra heart trick and defeat the contract if Dummy's trumps could be exhausted before the club suit could be established and run. South must hold the club King to justify his bid of four spades, in which case one lead would clear that suit. The only hope was that if Dummy's trumps were sufficiently shortened, South would be unable to get back to his own hand to draw trumps, and West's last trump would prevent his running the club suit.

East's plan of defence caused him to win the first heart with the Ace and return the heart nine. This was a deceptive measure, in case South held the heart Jack, to give the inference that West held the heart King and it would do South no good to play his Jack. As the cards were placed, it was unnecessary.

The heart nine was ruffed in Dummy and a club led to South's King. East ducking. Another club led by South forced out East's Ace, and the heart ten forced Dummy to ruff with the spade King. Now, since the club suit was established, South could have made his contract if he could have drawn trumps; but after leading the spade Ace he could not get back to his hand without giving East the lead in diamonds and allowing East to cash his heart King for the setting trick.

It would have done South no good to lead a diamond from Dummy immediately and thus prepare to ruff himself into the lead later. This would merely have given East one more chance to lead hearts, and Dummy would have been forced to ruff the fourth heart with the spade Ace, establishing West's spade ten as the setting trick. Neither would it have done any good, as the cards lay, to ruff both hearts with honours and then lead the spade three, as this course also would have lost a trick to West's spade ten. A spade lead by East after the first trick would have allowed the contract to be made, however; South would have established his clubs and then ruffed the heart with the spade Ace, retaining the spade ten to lead to his own long trump suit and draw trumps.

PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN

Christmas Treat At
Kowloon Docks

Dozens of Kowloon Dock kiddies were entertained at the annual Christmas tea-party given by the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club in the Club rooms yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. Cock, manager of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company, and Mrs. Cock were present.
An amusing burlesque pantomime, "Cinderella," produced by Mr. W. Forayth, was presented and, an hour later, Father Christmas (Mr. P. B. Parks) arrived in his traditional scarlet robes and handed presents to the little guests.

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POPE'S XMAS MESSAGE TO BE TRANSLATED FROM ITALIAN

Rome, To-day.
It was announced here yesterday that His Holiness the Pope's Christmas Eve broadcast will be on 19.84 metres and will be in Italian, with translations in other languages to follow, including English, though the times for these have not yet been decided upon.
When the Pope broadcasts his message, his physician, Dr. Milani, will stand by the bedside and will be ready to give first aid if necessary.
His Holiness is expected to spend nearly half-an-hour, propped up with pillows. Cardinal Pacelli will also be at his bedside, and the Pope is expected to remain in bed for another three or four weeks. In the meantime he receives Cardinal Pacelli and other visitors daily.—Reuter.

ITALIAN ANNEXATION OF ABYSSINIA

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would be stronger and more durable than the last, when Italy still belonged to the group of dissatisfied nations and Britain, unlike to-day, still clung to the past belief in isolation and disarmament.

CHILEAN RECOGNITION

Rome, To-day: The Ambassador from Chile presented his credentials to King Victor Emmanuel yesterday. The credentials were addressed to "the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia," thus indicating that the Chilean Government has recognised Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia.

AIR COMMUNICATIONS

Rome: It is officially announced that preparatory arrangements for a regular passenger and mail service by air between Rome and Addis Ababa have now been completed and planes will fly regularly in each direction three times a week.

RECEPTION CANCELLED

Rome: The usual New Year's reception of the Diplomatic Corps by King Victor Emmanuel will not be held this year on account of the difficulties caused by the new title of the "Emperor of Abyssinia" assumed by the King.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SWISS DECISION

Berne: Switzerland will also grant de facto recognition of Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia, it is stated by persons in close touch with Government circles who state that any previous misgivings have now been overcome by the decision of the British and French Governments to transform their respective Legations in Addis Ababa into Consulates-General.

In this case Swiss recognition will take the form of placing Swiss subjects and residents in Addis Ababa under the protection of the Italian authorities.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ANGLO-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS

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possess real value, it must follow the close examination by both parties in a spirit of goodwill, of all the possible sources of misunderstanding or friction.

Both in the Eastern and Western Mediterranean, recent developments have certainly not lessened the number of points on which the British Government will desire to feel assured that it has been acquainted with the whole mind of the Italian Government. Only when such process has been exhaustively applied to all the questions in discussion will it be possible to give substance and finality to a declaration which, both in London and in Rome, it is confidently expected will be the outcome of the present exchanges and which there is a strong desire to see accomplished as an important contribution to European appeasement.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone continues to be stationary over China, and has decreased slightly in intensity. A depression is situated in the China Sea, about 300 miles east-south-east of Cape Padar, moving west-north-west. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, is north and north-east winds; fresh; fair.

BIG CONTRACT FOR GERMAN COMPANIES

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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
Commenting on the agreement reached between a group of German firms and the Chinese Railway Ministry, for the delivery of material to the value of \$40,000,000 on a six years credit plan, the German press describes this as a new confirmation of the valuable co-operation of German firms with the Chinese Government.
In this connection the *Berliner Lokaleisenzeitung* points out that the Chinese Minister of Railways, Mr. Chang Kia-ngan, who signed the agreement, had already done much useful work for the economic reconstruction of his country when he was director of the Bank of China.

Mr. Chang, says the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, is a financial authority of international reputation.

RAS KASA AND TWO SONS EXECUTED

Rome, To-day:—Ras Kasa and two of his surviving sons were captured by an Italian police column yesterday, and later executed in the public square in Addis Ababa.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

In the capacity of Director-General of the Bank of China, he proposed to the German-Chinese Investigation Society as long ago as 1930 that all German firms should co-operate with the Chinese Government in the finance and carrying out of the technical part of the reconstruction of China's economic life, with special attention to her railways.

The Yushan-Nanchang railway line was opened in January this year by a German group headed by Herr Otto Wolff. The new agreement provides for the extension of this line to the border of Hunan province. The construction of the new line from Chuchow to Kweiyang links it up with the Kiangsi line and calls for the rebuilding of the bridge over the Yellow River on the Hankow-Peiping line.—Trans-Ocean Service.

AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH

Junkers' Institute Changes Hands

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Munich, To-day.
The aeronautical research institute of the well-known aeroplane designer, the late Professor Junkers, which was formerly situated in Dassen, has been transformed into a limited liability company with a capital of 2,000,000 marks, and has been transferred to Munich.

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ABLE-BODIED MEN TO BE WATCHED

Permission To Leave Germany Needed

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Berlin, To-day.

Able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 years may leave the country in future for journeys to foreign places only with the permission of the military authorities, according to a decree just announced by the Reich Minister for the Interior.

Compulsory military service and labour service is given as the grounds for the decree. In the case of going to foreign countries for the purpose of representing Germany in sporting contests, permission will be granted upon presentation of authorisation of the sporting authorities.—Trans-Ocean Service.

DRILLING FOR OIL IN YORKSHIRE

Operations To Start Next Month

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London, To-day:

Extensive drilling for oil is to be begun next month in Yorkshire, following geological investigations over the entire region. The Darey Exploration Company, which is controlled by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, has gained concession over a tract of 1,500 square miles and intends to develop the oil fields there.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Mr. Ronald William Denison Dauby, of No. 600, P. Celle, Manila, who is attached to the staff of the Union Insurance society of Canton, Limited, and Miss Frances Mary Black, of No. 2707, Wolfe Street, Calgary, Canada. The notice was received, by mail, by the Registrar of Marriages.

BRITISH EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, To-day.—Exchequer returns show total ordinary revenue amounts to \$428,093,533, as compared with \$423,675,470 at the corresponding date last year. The total ordinary expenditure is \$562,962,522 as compared with \$536,653,700 at the corresponding date of 1935.—British Wireless Service.

PRIZE IN MEMORY OF SON

Mrs. A. M. Sucking, who recently presented £1,000 to University College Hospital Medical School, London, to found a lectureship in memory of her husband, has given a further £200 to found a prize in obstetrics and gynaecology in memory of her son.

OFF LIKE A PISTOL SHOT

An Eighteenth Century duelling pistol, one of a pair, and antique watches in gold cases, valued altogether at about £50, were stolen last month from the window of James Oakes, antique dealer, in Bury-street, St. James's. A hole had been cut in the window. No one, apparently, saw the raid.

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